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MOTION TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE SACRAMENTO ADVOCATES TO OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 1941 (HOLDEN) (ITEM NO. 10, AGENDA OF MARCH 18, 2014)

Item No. 10 on the March 18, 2014 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe to instruct the Chief Executive Officer and the Sacramento Advocates to oppose AB 1941 (Holden).

Existing Law

Existing law established the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board with specified powers and duties relative to transportation planning, programming, and operations in Los Angeles County. The Metro Board consists of 14 members, as follows:

- Five members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors;
- The Mayor of the City of Los Angeles;
- Two public members and one member of the Los Angeles City Council appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles;
- Four members, each of whom shall be a mayor or a member of a city council, appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, from one of four sectors (North County/San Fernando Valley, Southwest Corridor, San Gabriel Valley, or Southeast Long Beach); and
- One non-voting member appointed by the Governor.

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AB 1941 (Holden) - Metro Board

As introduced on February 19, 2014, **AB 1941 (Holden)** would expand the Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority from 14 to 16 members by adding two new members. The new members would be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Rules Committee and would be considered voting members of the Board.

According to the author's office, the widespread geographic reach of Metro's service area, the impact of its decision-making on neighboring counties, and the fact that Metro frequently provides local management for large State-funded highway construction projects necessitates adding Board members that will represent a more regional perspective.

AB 1941 has been referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee and may be considered on or after March 22, 2014.

Metro Board and Los Angeles City Council Oppose AB 1941

On February 27, 2014, the Metro Board approved a staff recommendation to oppose AB 1941. The staff report noted that the existing composition of the Metro Board dates back to the original creation of Metro and was the result of a locally derived consensus, developed through extensive discussions with stakeholders throughout Los Angeles County. The report also indicated that the Metro Board has previously opposed legislation that would have restructured the Board absent a locally derived consensus.

On March 5, 2014, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a resolution (Bonin-Krekorian) opposing AB 1941. The resolution noted that 8 percent of Metro's funding comes from local sources and only 5 percent come from the State, an amount that it is likely to diminish as Proposition 1B funds expire in 2015. The resolution further noted that it is unclear how adding additional board members, appointed by the State, would positively affect decisions relative to local regional programs and projects.

Conclusion

There is no existing Board-approved policy relating to the composition or size of the Metro Board of Directors. Therefore, opposition to AB 1941, which would expand the Metro Board from 14 to 16 members, **is a matter for Board policy determination.**

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